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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the drop in United States imports for consumption from $1,576.6[1] million in October to $1,427.8 million in November[2], a decrease of about nine percent, reflected decreases in imports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The November 1963 imports for consumption total was about three percent below the November 1962 total of $1,469.7 million.

The Bureau stated that for the eleven month period January-November 1963, imports for consumption amounted to $15,511.8 million, a level about four percent above the total of $14,922.7 million reported for the same period of 1962.

The decrease in imports of finished manufactures from $611.8 million in October to $573.0 million in November was due, in part, to a drop in imports of newsprint, from $66.5 to $58.1 million, and small scattered decreases in imports of most of the individual commodities included in this economic class. Imports of manufactured foodstuffs fell from $198.2 to $163.0 million owing chiefly to a substantial decrease in imports of sugar, from $53.4 to $31.8 million, and to a lesser decrease in imports of meat products, from $49.4 to $42.1 million. The drop in imports of crude materials from $271.6 to $238.0 million reflected, in part, decreases in imports of iron ore and concentrates, from $38.4 to $26.9 million; unmanufactured wool, from $10.9 to $5.0 million; and lead, from $3.9 to $0.5 million. Imports of semimanufactures decreased from $326.3 million in October to $300.4 million in November. This change was largely accounted for by decreases in imports of sawed boards, planks and deals, from $32.5 to $26.8 million; gas and fuel oil, from $48.8 to $43.9 million; iron and steel semimanufactures, from $39.6 to $35.7 million; and wood pulp, from $31.2 to $28.2 million. Imports of crude foodstuffs declined from $168.7 to $153.3 million mainly due to decreases in imports of coffee from $100.7 to $88.4 million, and fish and shellfish, from $24.1 to $18.7 million.

[1]Revised from the figure of $1,585.7 million published in the October 1963 issue of this report.

[2]See the November 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: NOVEMBER 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1963 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1962 include all revisions published with the December 1962 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1963. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1, 2]		November 1963	October 1963	November 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total	value	1,427.8	[3]1,576.6	1,469.7	[4]1,354.1
Free	value	517.2	[3]573.9	519.8	518.0
Dutiable	value	910.6	1,002.7	949.9	836.1
Crude materials	value	238.0	271.6	296.3	278.5
Hides and skins	value	3.9	4.3	3.5	5.5
Undressed furs	value	5.2	6.5	4.4	8.5
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	63	71	96	79
	value	14.3	15.5	22.3	19.3
Copra	1,000 lb.	49,786	78,848	79,442	59,566
	value	3.7	5.9	5.2	3.9
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,737	15,802	14,882	13,675
	value	9.2	9.5	8.7	8.4
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	5,751	[3]9,482	4,747	12,676
	value	0.9	[3]3.6	0.7	2.5
Jute and jute butts	long tons	6,433	7,068	6,635	6,489
	value	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.1
Sisal and henequen	long tons	8,979	8,327	7,313	9,028
	value	2.4	2.2	1.3	1.6
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	9	18	17	15
	clean content[5]	7	15	13	12
	value	5.0	10.9	7.7	7.4
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	9	8	19	16
	clean content[5]	7	6	13	11
	value	6.9	5.9	11.7	10.0
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	(*)	(*)	120	117
	value	2.2	2.7	1.9	1.9
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	35,595	36,295	46,787	37,566
	value	78.6	80.9	103.4	84.4
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	121	128	125	118
	value	10.5	9.3	10.2	8.5
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,071	1,124	1,409	1,023
	value	5.1	4.9	5.1	4.3
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	2,980	3,961	2,476	2,786
	value	26.9	38.4	25.3	27.1
Ferroalloying ores	value	[6]9.0	[6]8.5	23.3	30.4
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	722	2,351	1,280	3,492
	value	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.0
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	5,356	54,604	17,519	22,684
	value	0.5	3.9	1.1	1.8
Tin	long tons	989	627	340	447
	value	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.1
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	42,826	102,594	81,545	75,684
	value	2.0	4.8	4.0	3.4
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	8.7	9.1	10.4	10.6
All other crude materials	value	41.2	42.8	43.9	35.6
Crude foodstuffs	value	153.3	168.7	158.2	148.1
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	(*)	(*)	49,064	51,461
	value	18.7	24.1	20.7	19.7
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	98	56	255	103
	value	9.0	5.1	24.0	9.2
Grains	value	2.5	3.1	1.3	1.7
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	2.1	1.4	1.5	3.3
Bananas	1,000 lb.	289,042	321,780	271,141	287,538
	value	6.8	7.4	6.2	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	31	43	26	53
	value	7.2	9.4	4.8	11.0
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	289	329	302	270
	value	88.4	100.7	83.6	82.2
Tea	1,000 lb.	10,571	13,439	10,128	10,808
	value	5.1	5.8	5.0	5.0
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	5,023	4,227	4,742	3,036
	value	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.0
All other crude foodstuffs	value	12.2	10.6	9.7	8.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Economic class and commodity[1, 2]	November 1963	October 1963	November 1962	Monthly average 1962
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	163.0	198.2	187.0	149.8
Meat products.....value..	42.1	49.4	42.1	40.1
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	9,702	7,489	8,954	6,468
value..	4.7	3.8	4.4	3.0
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	51,811	53,013	53,242	46,004
value..	14.8	15.9	15.5	13.4
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.2
Cane or beet sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	466	739	1,003	769
value..	31.8	53.4	54.1	42.4
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	(*)	(*)	19,149	23,520
value..	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.6
Whisky.....value..	28.4	29.3	28.5	18.1
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	37.5	42.9	38.9	28.9
Semimanufactures.....value..	300.4	326.3	288.9	282.7
Leather.....value..	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.4
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	176	343	258	256
value..	0.6	1.4	0.6	0.7
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	3.4	5.5	6.2	4.3
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	4,462	1,818	6,544	7,690
value..	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.3
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	(*)	(*)	356	407
value..	26.8	32.5	25.3	28.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	225	258	244	232
value..	28.2	31.2	28.3	27.6
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	21,300	23,604	26,917	22,712
value..	43.9	48.8	54.7	48.2
Asbestos.....short tons..	5,173	7,321	49,438	52,533
value..	0.9	1.2	4.2	4.7
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	84	87	89	82
value..	7.9	8.5	8.2	7.4
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	35.7	39.6	22.2	19.7
Aluminum.....value..	17.9	17.0	14.7	14.6
Copper.....1,000,000 lb..	76	86	73	66
value..	23.1	25.5	22.0	19.8
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	42,521	37,048	37,540	44,748
value..	4.1	3.6	3.2	3.9
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	16,669	13,437	16,207	20,868
value..	11.9	9.4	12.0	15.4
Tin.....1,000 lb..	8,763	9,423	9,195	9,004
value..	8.9	9.3	9.7	8.7
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	22,250	30,836	26,267	23,127
value..	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.4
Coal-tar products.....value..	4.8	3.9	5.1	4.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	[6]20.1	[6]18.2	10.2	9.8
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	188	244	162	167
value..	7.1	8.6	5.7	6.6
All other semimanufactures.....value..	43.3	48.5	44.0	45.9
Finished manufactures.....value..	573.0	611.8	539.3	495.1
Leather manufactures.....value..	11.1	13.1	13.6	12.5
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.9
Cotton cloth[7].....1,000 sq. yd..	23,144	34,320	27,388	38,671
value..	5.7	8.5	6.2	7.8
Other cotton manufactures[7].....value..	12.5	13.0	12.3	15.6
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	79,466	88,942	70,515	82,822
1,000 lb..	59,347	66,715	47,631	53,510
value..	13.0	14.6	10.6	10.9
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	1.5	1.8	3.9	3.1
Wool manufactures.....value..	26.0	28.3	22.9	20.4
Silk manufactures.....value..	4.2	4.5	5.3	5.1
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	224	276	243	216
value..	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.0
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	463	522	458	456
value..	58.1	66.5	58.5	58.0
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.3	6.9	8.5	7.3
Pottery.....value..	5.3	6.8	5.6	5.0

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Economic class and commodity[1, 2]	November 1963	October 1963	November 1962	Monthly average 1962
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Steel mill products.....:.....value..	29.6	30.8	27.7	27.7
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	10.7	9.7	16.2	12.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	11.2	9.8	12.1	12.6
Automobiles and parts.....value..	49.4	47.9	49.0	42.9
Other machinery.....value..	86.6	86.9	84.4	68.1
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	11.0	13.1	19.8	17.3
Photographic goods.....value..	7.7	10.4	7.2	6.3
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	6.1	7.0	5.7	4.6
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	3.0	3.3	3.0	2.4
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	11.0	13.4	8.2	7.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	6.2	7.2	5.5	4.8
American goods returned.....value..	31.0	31.6	25.5	21.7
All other finished manufactures.....value..	143.5	156.0	107.9	105.7
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[8].....value..	17.7	15.5	15.0	[4]11.6

*Not available. [1]Based on commodity classificatians in Schedule A, Statisticol Classificatian of Cammadities Imparted into the United States. [2]The data in this report for September 1963 and subsequent periods are based an the clossifications in Tariff Schedules of the United States Annatated (TSUSA), on official publication of the United States Tariff Commission. A supplement ta this report shawing the Tariff Schedules of the United States, Annatated (TSUSA numbers) included in the individual econamic classes and commadity tatols is being mailed to subscribers of this Report and is available on request. [3]Revised subsequent ta the release af the October issue of this report. [4]Excludes Februory 1962 data on $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informol entry shipments which are estimated as tataling abaut $9.7 million. As indicated in the February 1963 issue of this report data an these shipments ore alsa excluded from other reports such os FT 950-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. [5]Includes the actual weight of carbanized wool. [6]Certain uranium beoring moterials, formerly classified under "ferraallaying ares" ore included under "industrial chemicals" beginning with September 1963 statistics. The originolly published individual manthly totals in issues of this Report priar ta September 1963 ond the 1962 data shawn have nat been revised ta reflect this change. Imports of such uranium bearing materials averaged about $17.0 million per manth far the first ten manths af 1963 and abaut $21.0 millian per month for calendar yeor 1962. [7]The 1963 figures shown far "cotton cloth" include data an Schedule A commodity numbers 3075 010 - 3078 025 and 3080 210 - 3081 420. During 1962 and earlier, data for these commodities are included in the figures far "ather cattan manufactures." [8]This estimate is subject to a sampling variation af abaut 3 percent of the est mated value shown. For an explanatian of the sampling pracedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.

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